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Miguel Pozo admires the serpentinite La Soledad, at 4000 m in the cordillera.

Antisana - Cosanga Traverse.

The great Andean adventure

The greatest moments of one's life,
You count them on one hand.
A high volcano was our start,
Then down through unknown land.
Battling Cosanga's raging stream:
A fortnight's journey spanned.

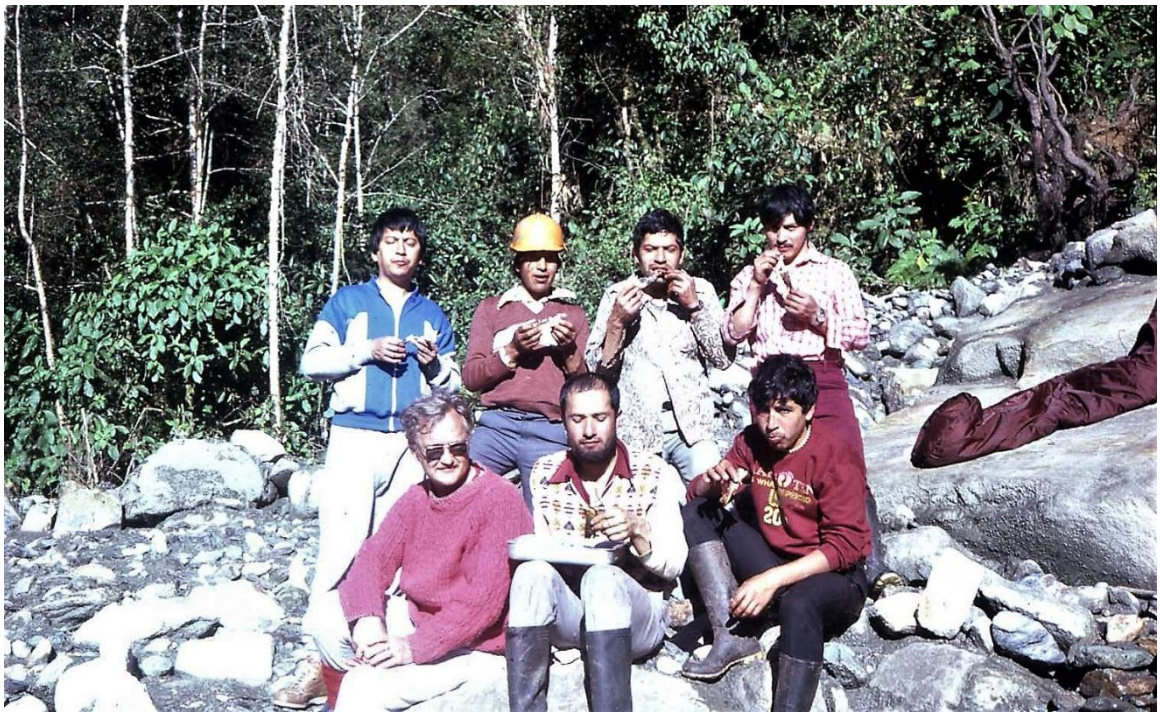
Frosty tents: the roof of the world,
Down to tropical climes.
Miguel, Manuel as company
Panting those airless climbs.
Laughing the river, to and fro:
Those were the greatest times.

Exciting were those rocks we found,
Where they should not have lain.
A great nappe complex filled the hills,
Due to a pushed terrane.
Serpentinites and skarnfields too
Were secrets to unchain.

The joys of finding so much new:
The scientific dream.
The exhilaration of the view,
The working as a team.
Then, past the point of no return,
Those struggles with the stream.

So those two weeks in Ecuador
Fulfilled my life I know.
All came together on that trip
As if in clockwork slow.
Sometimes I feel a sense of calm:
A satisfaction's glow.

Martin Litherland
Inca Treasure
Poems from the Andes of Ecuador



Having trout for breakfast at Río El Placer, a tributary of the Río Mulatos.
Gonzalo Viteri, "the one-handed man," in the center

Tungurahua volcano lavas over the metamorphic basement at the Río Pastaza

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